

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for the careful consideration given the present application, and for the personal interview conducted on August 15, 2006. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and these remarks are provided in response to that action. New claim amendments may be provided in the future in response to the interview..

Claims 44-57 remain in this application. Claims 1-43 have been previously canceled.

Claims 44-57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Rosen (U.S. 5,621,797). For the following reasons, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 44 recites an

electronic ticket linked to an added value online information service for receiving necessary permission, a commodity, or a service from a provider managing a gate terminal, the electronic ticket linked to the added value online information service comprising a data retaining section for storing information

where the information includes "first authentication information for authentication processing of the electronic ticket with a gate terminal" and "second authentication information for authenticating a communication between the apparatus holding the electronic ticket and the information server". Claim 48 also recites first and second authentication information at lines 15-17 and 22-25 claim 52 at lines 15-18 and 24-28, and claim 57 at lines 9-11 and 15-17.

As pointed out at the interview, Rosen does not teach the cited claim limitations, which require that the ticket contain authentication information for processing the ticket with the gate terminal and also contain information for authenticating a communication between the apparatus holding the electronic ticket and the information server .

The Examiner fails to show exactly where the reference supposedly teaches these two pieces of information. Instead, the Examiner cites a large portion of the reference, including six columns of information, without particularly pointing out what teachings of the reference correspond to the claim elements.

Nevertheless, applicant has reviewed the reference in detail, and could find no teaching

of both information items. Instead, the reference repeatedly discusses only two entities, trusted agent A and trusted agent B (see section entitled "Trusted Agents" starting at col. 8, line 65) besides the "authority" trusted agent (see Fig. 6A), which is not the gate terminal but is instead a recertification agent (see col. 12, lines 38-64). There is no teaching of any third entity (gate terminal) that is authenticated using information in the electronic ticket.

Furthermore, Fig. 2, which shows the contents of the ticket according to the reference, fails to show both of the listed information items recited by the claim. In addition, the reference, when discussing the presenting of the electronic ticket for access or to purchase an item, does not teach any authentication of the ticket with a gate terminal (see col. 4 lines 45 to col. 6, line 48); see also the "Present Ticket" section starting at col. 25, line 15). Nowhere is any authentication processing of the electronic ticket with a gate terminal disclosed.

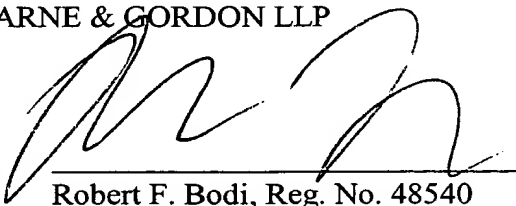
Accordingly, for at least the above reasons, the independent claims 44, 48, 52, and 57 are patentable over the reference. The dependent claims, which depend, directly or indirectly, on one of the above discussed independent claims, are thus patentable over the reference for at least the same reasons.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application. If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 32808.

Respectfully submitted,

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